

**PERSONAL PREFERENCE:
NEW JERSEY'S CASH AND
COUNSELING**

This project allows disabled Medicaid recipients who are eligible for services to direct their own care. Through a monthly cash allowance, participants work with a consultant to develop a cash management plan by which they decide the services needed and the individuals and/or agencies to hire to provide the identified services. The program requires greater consumer responsibility but offers participants greater control, flexibility and choice.

**DISABILITY HEALTH AND
WELLNESS INITIATIVE**

Funded by the Federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the project involves health promotion and prevention of secondary conditions for people with disabilities. The project has a cross-disability, consumer-driven advisory board that is active in the development and implementation of a statewide strategic plan. In addition, the project works to improve state surveillance activities, conduct health promotion interventions and facilitate partnerships between state and research or service based agencies.

REAL CHOICE SYSTEMS CHANGE

New Jersey has a multiple year grant from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for the purpose of developing infrastructure and promoting systems change to assist people with disabilities to live in the community. The grant is supporting projects and demonstrations that will create a web-based accessible housing registry, increase flexibility in personal assistance services and design a model curriculum to assist students with disabilities to transition from school to work.

TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY FUND

The purpose of the Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Fund is to offer New Jersey residents who have survived an acquired brain injury the opportunity to obtain the services and supports they need to live in the community. The Fund provides supports and purchases services to foster independence and maximize quality of life. This Fund is used where insurance, personal resources and/or public programs are unavailable to meet the needs of the applicant. A portion of the Fund is also used to support public education, outreach and prevention activities related to TBI.

**TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY
ADVISORY COUNCIL**

The Division of Disability Services, as the state's designated lead agency for brain injury services, serves as staff to the NJ Advisory Council on Traumatic Brain Injury. The Council, mandated under PL 2001, Chapter 332, is composed of 26 members. The Council holds quarterly public meetings and helps advise the Department of Human Services on matters related to brain injury. For further information on the Council and meeting dates, please call **(609) 292-7800**.

**DIVISION OF DISABILITY SERVICES
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MISSION STATEMENT

The New Jersey Division of Disability Services promotes and facilitates the maximum independence and participation of people with disabilities in community life through information and access to services and supports, and fosters coordination and cooperation among government agencies.

OFFICE OF INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE SERVICES

“The first place to call for disability related information”

The Division of Disability Services is a single point of entry for all seeking disability related information in New Jersey. To speak with one of our Certified Information Specialists, call
888-285-3036.

NJ WORKABILITY PROGRAM

The WorkAbility program offers people with disabilities who are working, and whose income would otherwise make them ineligible for Medicaid, the opportunity to pay a small premium and receive full NJ Medicaid coverage. People with disabilities who are employed between the age of 16 to 64 can qualify for the program with annual gross earned income up to approximately \$48,500.

PERSONAL ASSISTANCE SERVICES PROGRAM (PASP)

PASP provides routine, non-medical assistance to adults with disabilities who are employed, involved in community volunteer work, or attending school. Personal assistants help with tasks such as light housekeeping, bathing, dressing, preparing meals, shopping, driving or using public transportation. The number of hours a person receives depends on individual need up to 40 hours per week.

OFFICE OF HOME AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

The Division of Disability Services is responsible for the administration of several of the Medicaid Waiver Programs serving people with disabilities:

TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY (TBI) WAIVER

TBI serves people between 18 and 64 who have acquired brain injury. People in the program receive full Medicaid benefits plus additional services including case management, structured day program, personal care assistant, community residential services, transportation, respite care and cognitive therapy.

AIDS COMMUNITY CARE ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM (ACCAP) WAIVER

ACCAP serves people of any age with AIDS and children up to age 13 who are HIV positive. It provides full Medicaid benefits plus case management, private-duty nursing, medical day care, personal care assistant services, certain narcotic and drug abuse treatments at home, and hospice care.

COMMUNITY RESOURCES FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES (CRPD) WAIVER

The Community Resources for People with Disabilities (CRPD) Waiver was developed by blending three long-standing Medicaid “Model” Waiver Programs into one larger waiver. All individuals served under this waiver must meet, at a minimum, the “nursing facility level of care,” financial eligibility for Medicaid waiver coverage, and require the services offered under the waiver. The waiver is open to individuals with disabilities of all ages. Individuals in the CRPD Waiver Program receive case management services, in addition to all Medicaid State Plan services. Individuals meeting specific clinical criteria can receive private duty nursing services of up to 16 hours per day.

MEDICAID PERSONAL CARE ASSISTANCE (PCA)

Personal Care Assistance (PCA) is a statewide service provided by the New Jersey Medicaid Program to people eligible for Medicaid services in the community. The purpose of personal care is to accommodate long-term chronic or maintenance health care as opposed to short-term skilled care as is provided under Medicaid’s home health program. PCA services are health-related tasks done by qualified staff in an eligible beneficiary’s home. They include assistance with activities of daily living and household duties essential to the individual’s health and comfort.

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